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ATKINS AND TVIST (1943)

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[a]

On 29th September a[b] British officer informed ATKINS[i] and TVIST[ii] that the British had handed over to the Americans the aircraft carrier "VICTORIOUS[VIKTORIES]"

[66 groups unrecovered]

13th September

[55 groups unrecoverable]

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Notes:

[a] Addressee, signatory and internal serial no. not recovered.

[b] Or "the".

Comments: [i] ATKINS:

Unidentified, probably a covername. Also occurs in WASHINGTON's No. 2473 of 27th September 1943 (3/NBF/T1998).

[ii] TVIST:

i.e. "TWIST"; possibly Vasilij Vasil'evich PRAVDYuK, Secretary to the Soviet Naval Attaché in WASHINGTON from

May 1943.

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